

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for generating a stand-alone multi-user application, comprising:
 - analyzing a predefined spreadsheet logic; and
 - deriving at least one source code module from the analyzed predefined spreadsheet logic.
2. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the deriving is performed by:
 - storing results of the analyzing of the user-defined spreadsheet logic in an application metafile; and
 - deriving at least one source code module from the application metafile.
3. The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising generating an application frame configured to operate on a user input using the at least one source code module and the application metafile so as to generate an output in accordance with the user-defined spreadsheet logic.
4. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the application frame is configured to accept inputs from multiple users substantially simultaneously and to operate on the inputs using the at least one source code module and the application metafile so as to generate an output in accordance with the user-defined spreadsheet logic.
5. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the application frame is configured to store data associated with the multiple users in a central database.
6. The method as recited in claim 3 wherein the application frame is configured to split data associated with the multiple users into reporting entities and grouping the data in a hierarchal consolidation tree so as to

enable at least one of level-based, user-based and user group-based aggregation of the data.

7. A method for operating a spreadsheet comprising:
analyzing a user-defined application logic of the spreadsheet;
deriving at least one source code module from the analyzed user-defined application logic; and
generating an application frame configured to operate on a user input using the at least one source code module; and
accessing the application frame by a first and a second user so as to generate an output in accordance with the user-defined application logic.
8. The method as recited in claim 7 wherein the accessing is performed by the first and second users accessing the application frame substantially simultaneously.
9. The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising storing data associated with the first and second users in a central database.
10. The method as recited in claim 7 further comprising splitting data associated with the first and second users into reporting entities and grouping the data in a hierarchal consolidation tree so as to enable at least one of level-based, user-based and user group-based aggregation of the data.
11. The method as recited in claim 7 wherein the accessing is performed via a network.
12. A stand-alone multi-user application comprising:
an application metafile including results of an analyzing of a user-defined spreadsheet logic; and
at least one source code module derived from the application metafile.

13. The stand-alone multi-user application as recited in claim 12 further comprising an application frame configured to operate on a user input using the at least one source code module and the application metafile so as to generate an output in accordance with the user-defined spreadsheet logic.

14. The stand-alone multi-user application as recited in claim 13 wherein the application frame is configured to accept inputs from multiple users substantially simultaneously and to operate on the inputs using the at least one source code module and the application metafile so as to generate an output in accordance with the user-defined spreadsheet logic.

15. The stand-alone multi-user application as recited in claim 14 wherein the application frame is configured to store data associated with the multiple users in a central database.

16. The stand-alone multi-user application as recited in claim 14 wherein the application frame is configured to split data associated with the multiple users into reporting entities and group the data in a hierarchal consolidation tree so as to enable at least one of level-based, user-based and user group-based aggregation of the data.

17. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable process steps operative to perform a method for generating a stand-alone multi-user application, the method comprising:
analyzing a predefined spreadsheet logic; and
deriving at least one source code module from the analyzed predefined spreadsheet logic.

18. The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17 wherein the deriving is performed by:

storing results of the analyzing of the user-defined spreadsheet logic in an application metafile; and
deriving at least one source code module from the application metafile.

19. The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 18 wherein the method further comprises generating an application frame configured to operate on a user input using the at least one source code module and the application metafile so as to generate an output in accordance with the user-defined spreadsheet logic.